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State Races

Governor

Jay Nixon-58%

Lieutenant Governor

Peter Kinder-50%

U.S. House District 6

Sam Graves-59%

State House District 4

Mike Thomson-69%

State Treasurer

Clint Zweifel-50%

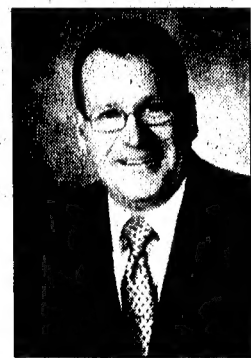
Secretary of State

Robin Carnahan-62%

Attorney General

Chris Koster-53%

Local Races



Sheriff

Darren White-52%

North District County Commissioner

Bob Westfall-61%

South District County Commissioner

Bob Stiens-100%



Assessor

Rex Wallace-100%



Collector-Treasurer

Marilyn Jenkins-67%



Public Administrator

Dune Thomson-100%

Coroner

Vincent Shelby-54%

Surveyor

Troy Hayes-100%

ELECTION 2008



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FIONA MUHSAM CHEERS as Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) is announced as the 44th president while attending the democratic watch party at the Hangar.



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RICHARD LEACH-STEFFENS embraces his wife Lauren as the election results are announced. The Hangar served as a democratic gathering ground Tuesday night.



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REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE Mike Thomson checks the numbers shortly after they were read. Community members heard results at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

A BLUE NOVEMBER

Obama victory excites variety of voters

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

"O-bam-a, O-bam-a, O-bam-a," could be heard Tuesday night in the dinner theater of the Hangar, as the votes flashed on the big screen.

As California, Washington state and Oregon turned blue, the theater went wild.

"We just elected the first black president of the United States," Jason Romano said, cell phone stuck to his ear as CNN released its projected outcome of the 2008 election.

The theater filled with screams of "yes we did, yes we did," and people hugged as Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) was announced the next president.

The Hangar was the site of one of two watch parties in Maryville for the volunteers and students involved in the Obama campaign. The second was at Carson's Bar and Grille.

Volunteers for the campaign filled the theater, cheering loudly as democratic nominees won their respected races. The cheers grew louder, as states turned blue.

"This is the most excited I have been since they first elected JFK," Rosie Duty said. "I got interested when he (Obama) began to speak, and I wanted to be part of this election."

For many Northwest students, this was their first chance

to participate in a presidential election, and they realized how important each vote was.

"I voted because I wanted to feel like I made a difference, our votes do matter," student Ryan Simbro said. "If everybody figured their vote didn't count, it could swing a county which could swing the whole state."

This election was no doubt a historic election, with a black man running for president and a woman, Gov. Sarah Palin (R-Alaska) running to be vice president.

"This might just be the most important day of your life," Associate Professor in History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Sciences David McLaughlin said. "I never thought I would see a candidate of color win the presidency."

Northwest volleyball player and black voter Iesha Haskins voted because she has always been passionate about politics, and she voted for Obama because of his stance on pro-choice and gay marriage, she said.

"I feel like if you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain," she said.

With Obama winning the election, it shows America is a "melting pot," she said.

Taking a break from all of the election coverage, a special guest was announced. A Sarah Palin impersonator made a concession speech.

Then and Now

Votes in Nodaway County

2008 Election Presidential Race

John McCain and Sarah Palin 5,568

Barack Obama and Joe Biden 4,493

Bob Barr and Wayne Root 39

Chuck Baldwin and Darrell Castle 39

Ralph Nader and Mat Gonzalez 20

2004 Election Presidential Race

John F. Kerry and John Edwards 3,830

George W. Bush and Dick Cheney 6,226

Michael Badnarik and Richard Campagna 34

Michael Peroutka and Chuck Baldwin 16

Ralph Nader 13

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ELECTION REACTION

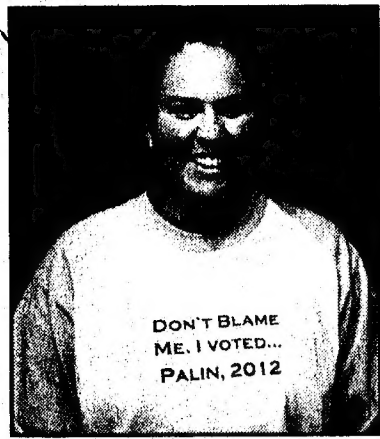
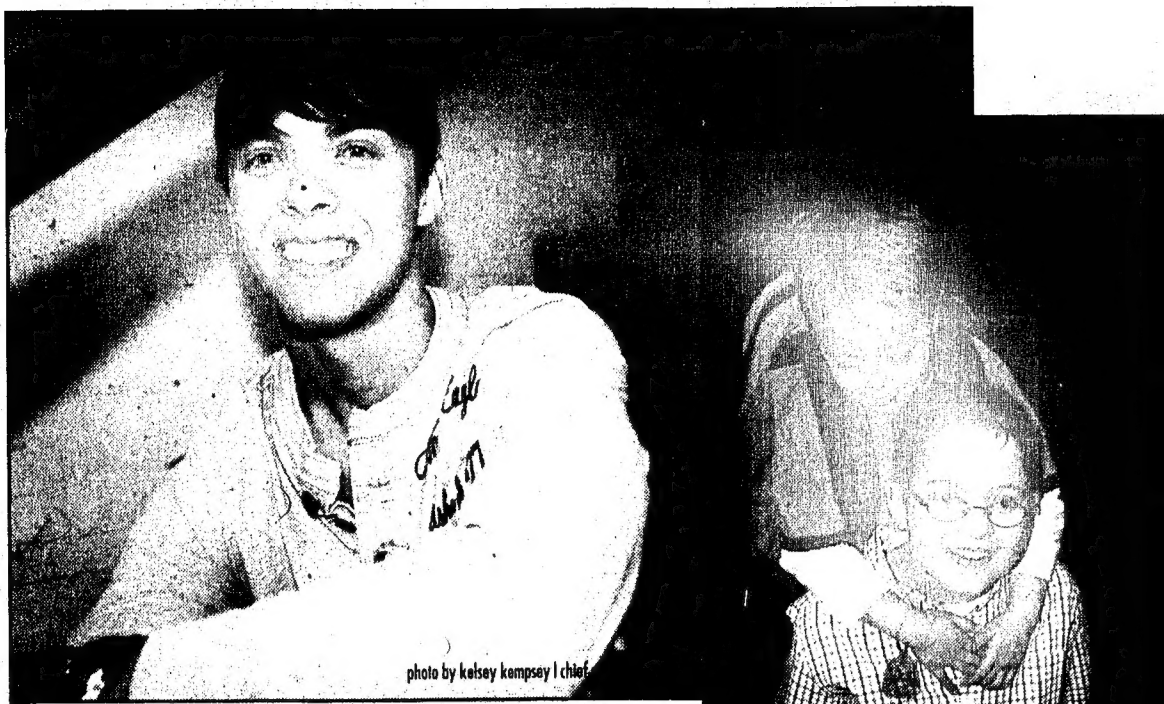


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(left) SENIOR AIRMAN FOR the Missouri Air National Guard, Jamie Israel shows her support for the McCain/Palin campaign. (center) SENIOR WILLY DAINS is happy about the choice Americans made in the 2008 election. (right) HEATHER GREEN'S OLDEST son, Triston, gives youngest brother, Hayden, a lift.



True life: voters react

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

Remember "True Life: I'm Affected by the Election?" The *Missourian* followed up with the three Northwest students who had a lot on the line with the 2008 election. Here's their thoughts on Tuesday's results.

I want to stay in Iraq until the job is done

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CAMPUS SAFETY



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TWO CAMPUS SAFETY officers and student, Caitlin Matt, run through drills, preparing for what to do if a shooting should happen on campus.

Campus, Public Safety take part in shooter drill

By Lindsay Jacobs
Copy Editor

Earlier this week Campus Safety gained some experience it hopes it never has to use in real life.

Active shooter drills were conducted Monday and Tuesday night in the Administration Building.

Campus Safety used the drills to make sure they could handle an emergency.

"We just try to test our procedures, test our staff to make sure that we're prepared ... if an emergency does arise," Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said. "If you don't drill or practice, how do you ever get proficient?"

The drills also included representatives from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Maryville Public Safety as well as all Campus Safety officers.

Drills like these help test University emergency procedures and helps both University and community officers understand their roles in an emergency, Green said.

The drills ensure officers are trained for any type of emergency situation. There are two drills a year for intruder response, one on a chemical situation and one tornado drill, Green said.

After each scenario, there was feedback so those participating could improve for the next synopsis.

"When you go to training, that's what it's about, to expose those opportunities for improvement and to address them right there," Green said.

About three years ago, two officers from the University, two officers from Maryville Public Safety and one from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department attended a training session so they could teach the departments in the area. Now there is uniformity when the different departments collaborate efforts, Green said.

"It (joint training) builds some trust and it also builds some resiliency within those groups so I think it's really meaningful for what it does for overall campus," Green said.

Monday night's drill began with an introduction for Northwest cabinet members who were educated on previous active shooter situations. They also received information on the strategies local law enforcement agencies will use in real-life situations.

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COMMUNITY

FLU SEASON

Good hygiene prevents influenza

By Toni Baldwin
Missourian Reporter

It is that time of year again. The temperatures are dropping outside but inside temperatures are rising with fevers. This marks the start of the dreaded flu season.

Assistant Director of Northwest's Wellness Center, Beau said the majority of patients who come in to get the vaccination are students. Faculty and staff come in as well, but their main business is students.

According to Dooley, influenza is a viral infection of the nose, throat, trachea and bronchi (air passages). The flu virus is spread from person to person by droplets that are coughed or sneezed into the air. It also can be spread by the hands of an infected person who has touched their nose or mouth. Early symptoms of the flu are chills and fever, sweating, muscle aches and headaches. Symptoms soon to follow include runny nose and nasal congestion, cough and sore throat.

Dooley also mentioned outbreaks of the flu occur almost every year, usually in late fall and winter. As flu season approaches there are precautions that can be taken. The flu vaccination is highly recommended. It is the single best way to prevent the illness.

St. Francis Hospital is one of the few places that offer the vaccination. It is recommended for all ages, but St. Francis is more concerned about getting young children and the elderly vaccinated because their immune systems aren't as strong as a teenagers or a middle-aged person.

CDC.gov, the Centers for Disease Control Web site noted that children aged under 6 months should not receive influenza vaccination. Household and other close contact (e.g., daycare providers) of children under six months, including older children and adolescents, should be vaccinated.

Barb Mullock is the Infection Control and Employee Health Nurse at St. Francis. She gives the influenza vaccination to employees at the hospital.

Appointments can be made at the hospital for citizens to get the vaccination. St. Francis sees the most symptoms in January and February she said.

If someone has not gotten the vaccination and has the virus, a doctor can give them an antiviral medication. It is recommended to go to a physician if one feels as if they have the flu so it doesn't turn into anything worse such as pneumonia.

Another way to prevent the illness is having good hand and cough hygiene. Hand washing, using hand sanitizer and coughing into a shirt sleeve rather than a hand is highly recommended when someone has influenza. Doing these things can help prevent the spread of the germs causing others to catch the illness. This is also a good way to help prevent colds and other illnesses.

"The best thing is to prevent by immunization and to get yourself healthy. Using good hand hygiene and coughing hygiene is best," Mullock said.

Another place to get the influenza vaccination is at the Northwest's Wellness Center. An appointment can be made at anytime to get the shot.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 5 flu shots will be given in the J.W. Jones Student Union Townview Room by the Wellness Center. Students can walk in to and from class and get the shot and be on their way.

Flu season for the Wellness Center typically runs from November to March. Their heaviest number of patients with either symptoms of the flu or have the illness is in January and February as well.

Dooley wants to stress the importance of hand washing. Having good hand washing hygiene is a great way to prevent the flu if someone doesn't get the shot.

"The single best thing is to practice good hand washing. We really want to stress this because hand washing can help prevent the flu," Dooley said.

Doctors' offices in Maryville, St. Francis Hospital and the Wellness Center are all prepared for this time of year. It is an occurring illness that happens as the temperatures drop and the winter season approaches.

ELECTION 2008

Graves wins with loud message from voters

By Lindsay Jacobs and Sean Comer
Copy Editor and

Republican Sam Graves prepares to head back to the nation's capital after earning his fifth term as the Missouri sixth district representative Tuesday evening.

Confident of his victory, Graves walked through the crowd shaking hands with and hugging the people who supported him during his campaign against Democrat Kay Barnes.

"You all sent a loud message, a very loud message ... we want to make sure we end our dependence on foreign oil, keep taxes low and keep government out of our hair, that's the message you're sending me back to Washington with," Graves told the crowd.

He spoke for about five minutes thanking his family, those who worked on the campaign and everyone who supported him.

Mary Hill of Liberty, Mo. attended the watch party at Graves' headquarters with her children.

She was happy to see Graves win, especially since the presidential race was "dampening her happiness."

Hill is concerned about illegal immigrants, and supports America drilling for oil within its borders - two issues Graves is passionate about.

Graves is also for strengthening national security, funding the military, making Social Security stable and allowing local control for school funding.

'An adventure'

Kay Barnes's congressional campaign closed without much fanfare.

The former Kansas City, Mo., mayor and Democratic challenger to Rep. Sam Graves' (R-6th District) House of Representatives seat delivered a brief, grateful concession speech before most districts had reported results.

Watch party guests at North Kansas City's Screenland Armour Theater probably paid more attention to live coverage of Barack Obama's expanding lead over John McCain than awaiting Barnes's arrival.

"We didn't make it," Barnes said, her

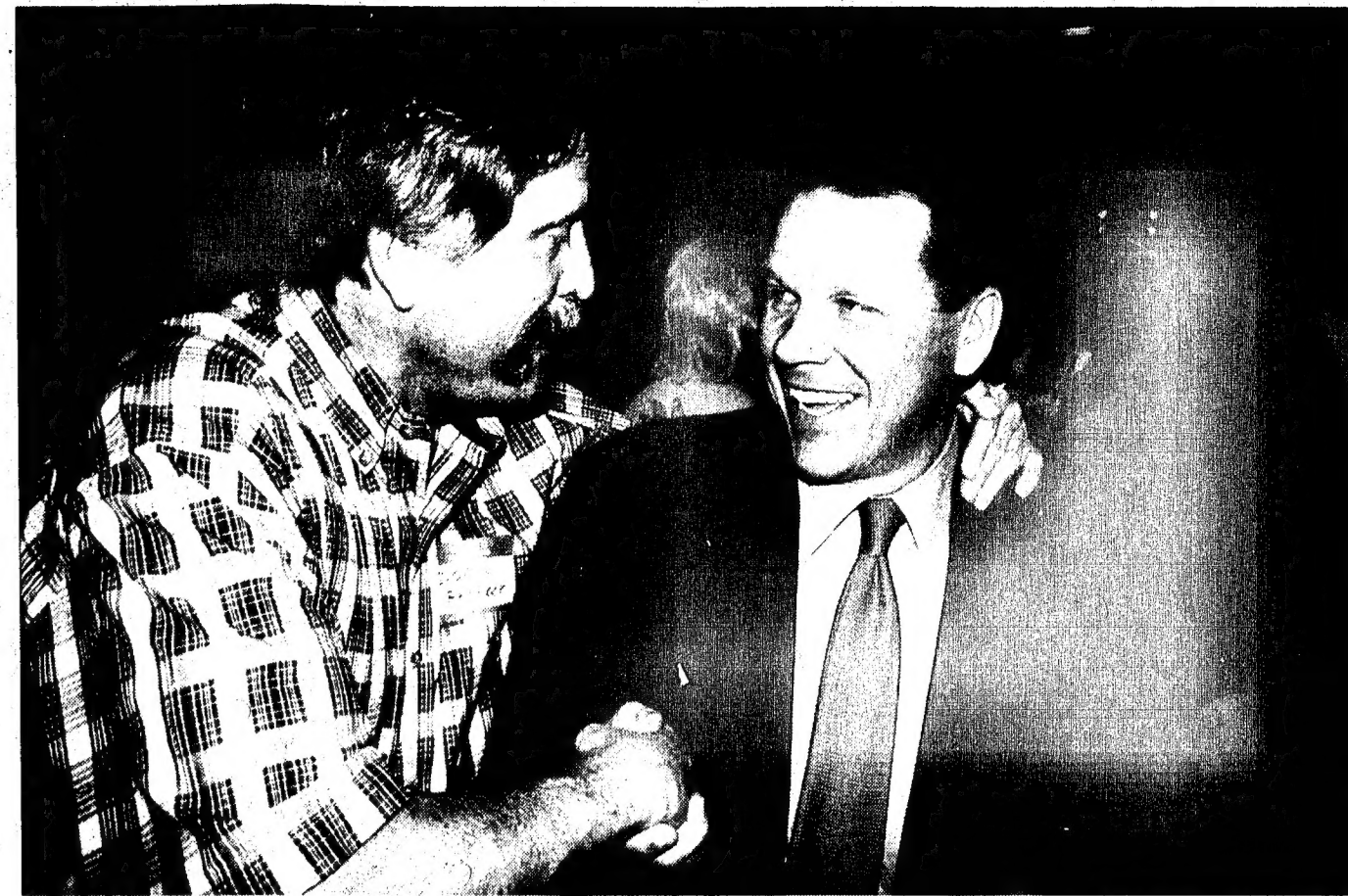


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CONGRESSMAN SAM GRAVES from the Sixth Congressional District of Missouri, takes time to shake hands with Doug Babcock, a supporter from Platte City, at the Embassy Suites in Kansas City. Graves met with supporters and fans while waiting for results.

smile never leaving her face. She thanked her family, friends and campaign staff before reminding supporters "There is not a single loser in this room."

Earlier in the evening, Sandra Aust, a Democratic Missouri Senate candidate from Clay County, called Barnes "an innovator" with a gift for bringing people together and championing economic issues and alternative energy programs.

"There is a lot to celebrate tonight for this country," Barnes said. "We're going to get back on the track we need to be on."

Barnes took a critical blow early in the night when Graves won Buchanan County, which Barnes's campaign spokesman Steve Glorioso called one of three must-win counties along with Platte and Clay Counties. Glorioso believed Barnes

could draw enough voters in the St. Joseph and Kansas City areas to match Graves' advantage in rural, more agricultural precincts.

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR Congress Kay Barnes speaks to supporters in north Kansas City.

ELECTION 2008

Maryville residents and Northwest students make their voices heard

By Sean Callahan, Brian Johnson
Missourian Reporter, Entertainment Reporter

Maryville voters turned out in possible record numbers Tuesday. Certain voters and poll workers attributed the turnout to significant interest in the presidential election.

When the polls opened at 6 a.m., voters were lined up outside First Christian Church on West Third Street, one poll worker said. By 10:30 a.m., the machines had registered more than 1,000 votes. When the polls closed at 7 p.m., the number had exceeded 2,350.

Laura Street Baptist Church logged about 2,100 voters in 2004, said poll worker Janice Nelson. She said they seemed to be much busier this year.

"We've had 2,014 votes so far. It's only 5:30," she said. "We've had a lot of young voters, more so than ever in the past."

As of the 2000 census, 21,912 people resided in Nodaway County. In 2004, 6,226 Nodaway county residents, 61.5 percent of voters, voted for President George W. Bush.

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Northwest student voters turned out as well, many for the first time. Britney Bryant, a freshman and supporter of Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) voted in her first election Tuesday. She feels that people who vote for Obama shouldn't focus on race.

"I watched a few of the debates and am not just voting because he's black," Bryant said. "People should vote for him because they want change."

Another student, Bret Harvel, a senior and supporter of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) looked at both of the candidates' policies and feels Obama is not ready to be president.

"I just don't think Obama's right for the job," Harvel said. "He's a great motivator but I don't like his stance on raising taxes."

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Obama because of his views on the economy.

"He talks about helping the middle class. There's nothing McCain says that will help the economy," she said, adding, "Obama's young. I think he'll fix everything Bush has screwed up for us if given time."

Mary Ebrecht, a nurse who voted for McCain, cited experience as the basis for decision. Maryville and the rest of the country seemed excited about this election, she said.

"I think this is really a historic time. It's cool to be a part of it," she said.

Linda Lemons said she chose Obama because of the economy, energy and the war.

"McCain's run a negative campaign. I just don't have any confidence in him," she said.

All of those voters have their own personal views on the election and made their voices heard Tuesday.

Record numbers were made, people were thrilled or disappointed and history was made in picking the next President of the United States.

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ELECTION 2008

Obama won, but he didn't redraw the map

By Steven Thomas
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON (MCT) - Barack Obama didn't get all the way there Tuesday - not yet, anyway.

He won the presidency, to be sure, in a solid victory that also saw his Democratic Party add to its majorities in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

However, he fell short of the kind of tsunami that would have immediately altered the political landscape and forged an enduring majority that could dominate the national agenda for years. Instead, Obama laid the groundwork for such a potential shift, but probably will need a strong re-election to consolidate and build a new order.

"We don't know yet if this is an anybody-but-a-Republican election or a major shift in the inclinations of voters toward the Democrats," said Steve Schier, a political scientist at Carleton College in Minnesota. "I don't think we'll know until he runs for re-election."

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BRIEFS

Yuletide Feaste provides old-time fun, music

Northwest will hold the 35th annual Yuletide Feaste, a Renaissance-themed holiday celebration. More than 50 musicians, singers, actors, lords, ladies, and royal persons in full regalia will attend.

This year's feaste will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday Dec. 5 and Sat. Dec. 6 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The department of music sponsors the event each year to offer a glimpse of the Christmas season that was celebrated in England more than 400 years ago.

Yuletide Feaste tickets are \$27.95 per person and may be purchased at the music/art office on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Tickets may also be ordered by phone at (660) 563-1315.

'The Birds' premieres at new Studio Theater tonight

Northwest dramatic art's program will present Aristophanes' "The Birds." The performance will take place in the newly completed studio theater. "The Birds," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 through 8 and Nov. 13-15. A 2 p.m. matinee show will be on Sat. Nov. 8.

General admissions tickets can be purchased for \$8 at the door. For reservations, call (660) 562-1321.

THE GREAT DEBATE



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DR. MARK JELAVICH and Kristina Castor represented the Republican candidate in a program called "Great debate which candidate in '08?" Castor and Jelavich debated others representing the Democratic side.

BRIEFS

MMR vaccination keeps some students from registering for classes

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Registration might have to wait for some students who do not meet Northwest's vaccination requirements.

Some students have not met measles, mumps and rubella vaccination requirements. The result, holds placed on approximately 800 students' University accounts, prohibits registration for the spring 2009 trimester.

The immunization policy states students need two vaccinations for measles and one for rubella. The policy also states students must complete these requirements before the end of their first trimester enrolled or registration will not be permitted until proper requirements are met, Wellness Director and Assistant Health Director Beau Dooley said.

This year, an e-mail was sent out to all University students reminding them of this requirement. It was mainly targeted at freshmen and transfer students, Dooley said.

"The e-mail was a courtesy to the students who might not be compliant with the immunization," Dooley said. "We thought it would make it a convenience to take care of the requirement as soon as possible to avoid a hold placed on student accounts."

The Admissions office works closely to promote the requirement to new students. Enrollment Management Dean Beverly Schenkel said.

"Admissions collaborates with the Wellness Center to help administer the policy," Schenkel said.

If students are unsure if they have met the requirement, they can call the Wellness Center at 562-1368 to find out if they have met the requirement.

To meet the requirements, documentation can be faxed to the Wellness Center at 562-1857. Under certain circumstances, a waiver can be signed in place of documentation.

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OUR VIEW

Obama has many promises to keep, people to unite

The question remains on everybody's lips if Sen. John McCain's supporters will let Sen. Barack Obama be their president.

"And to those Americans whose support I have yet to earn, I may not have won your vote tonight, but I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your president, too," Obama pledged Tuesday night after becoming the first black president-elect.

"Historic moment" were the words of the day Tuesday night as America watched 62 million votes tally for Obama. Audiences and viewers at home choked up as they listened to Obama's acceptance speech. Surely that was a moment that will not soon be forgotten.

But not everybody was choked up, and they were not forgotten.

McCain promised in his concession speech to support Obama. "I pledge tonight to do all in my power to help [Obama] lead us through the many challenges we face," he said in his speech. He also urged his supporters to put aside their differences and support Obama as president. "It's natural to feel some disappointment, but tomorrow we must move beyond it and work together to get our country moving again."

Moving words from a man who fought hard through the primary, and was considered politically dead just a year ago as far as the presidential campaign was concerned. Grudging concession speeches are so often the norm, it was refreshing to hear McCain urging his supporters to recognize his rival as their president.

Obama's speech, however, blew all other events away. Even the highest expectations were exceeded. Obama has always been a gifted public speaker, but his performance Tuesday night defies description. He also urged caution and warned of the long road ahead. "What began 21 months ago in the depths of winter cannot end on this autumn night."

He also reached out to the McCain supporters he knows he needs. Fifty-five million Americans did not support Obama. Some of them fought avidly against him. Obama has a lot of support in his quest for hope and change, a Democratic Congress being the most tangible. The Senate still stands, at press time, with 56 Democratic senators, which is not enough for filibuster. Even if that magic number 60 was reached, using such power would be inadvisable.

Obama has already begun to reach out to the other side, standing by McCain to push for a united America. He needs, at almost all costs, to stand by this message. The failures of the Bush administration did not start with the Iraq war. They started in 2000 and again in 2004 when Al Gore and John Kerry supporters were pushed aside, swept under the rug. No administration can successfully begin that way.

If Americans feel Obama has their interests at heart, if they really can forget their doubts and all the petty tactics of the campaign and rally around his message, then there will be nothing Obama cannot accomplish. Americans have another choice before them. Will they cling to cynicism and discrimination, depression and bitterness, or will they support their new president?

The stakes aren't high. All we have to lose is our future, our security and each other.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Music students, where were you? Class came to Maryville Monday evening in the guise of six tuxedo-clad musicians, a hosaphone trio (you'll have to ask someone who attended), and outstanding classical/pop music arrangements. NWM's Encore performing arts series hosted Mac Frampton and the Thruway Penny Symphony in an evening of great entertainment. These showmen transformed the Performing Arts Center to an intimate lounge show

and a big city music hall, depending on the tenor of the music. They sent the audience home smiling. The negative for the evening was the empty seats and the absence of a Northwest music students (where were you?)—each of you would have benefited from this event. Community: consider season tickets, it's a value for your entertainment dollars.

Jessica Loch
Maryville

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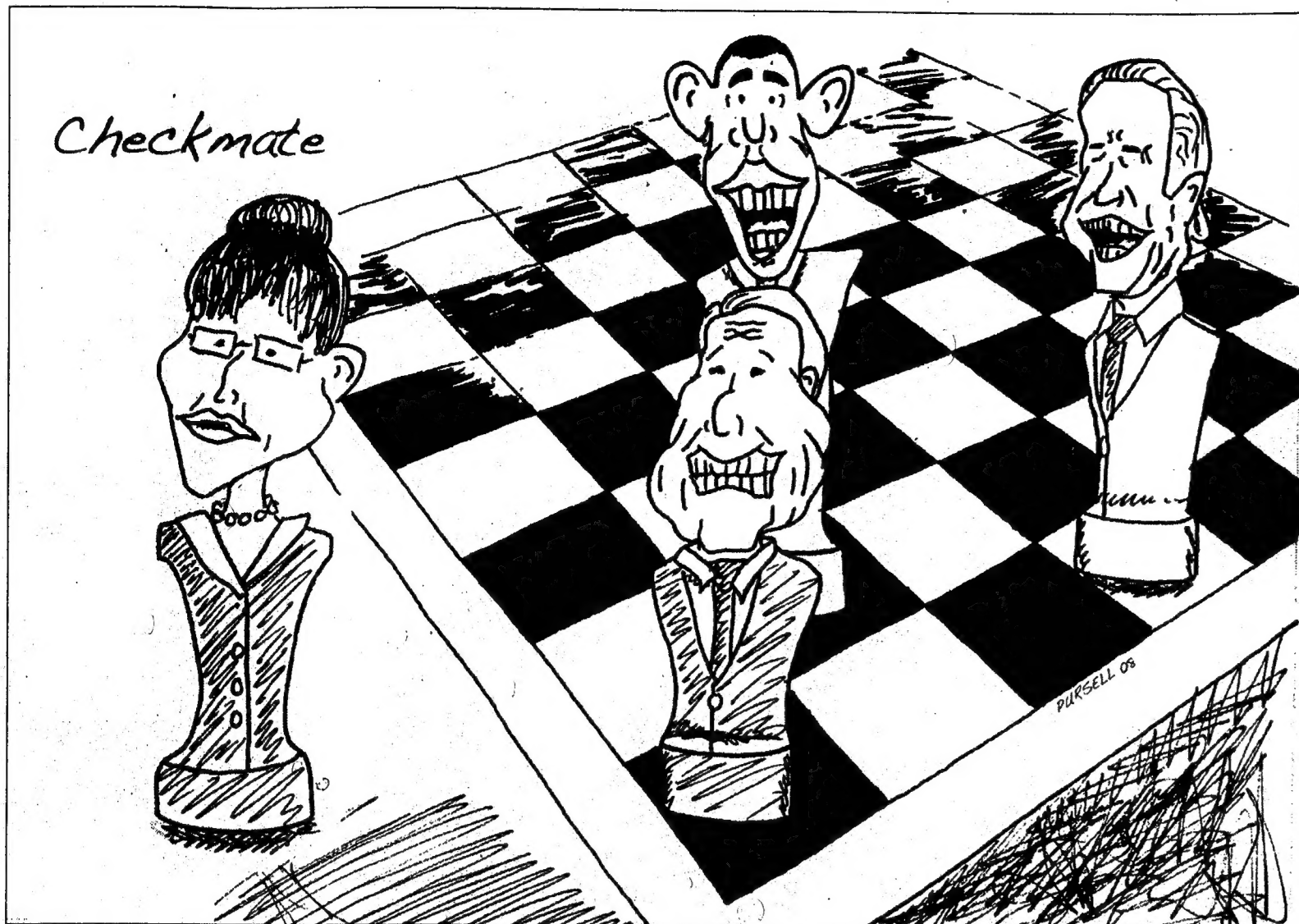
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OPINION



MY VIEW

Obama's victory opens doors for black Americans

By Robert Wallace
Missourian Columnist

I feel it is my duty to express as a black male my pride in having witnessed, with my daughters, the electing of the 44th president of the United States the first black president.

The morning after I found out, I pulled my three girls into the kitchen before sending them off to school and explained to them they were watching history being made.

MY VIEW

Peace efforts in Israeli-Palestinian conflict step up, but will take time

Israel has once again been brought to the attention of the international community with news of setbacks as well as improvements.

Headlines read that Gaza hosted a recent clash between Hamas and Israel, the first since the June-declared truce. But what I feel to be more important along the lines of development is the welcomed news, and perhaps a prelude to peace, with the decision to stop funding, both direct and indirect, by the Israeli government of settlements within the West Bank.

Before I get too carried away here, let's take a step back to review the history, although a severely watered-down version that by no means does full justice to the situation, of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Palestine was part of the Ottoman Empire during the late 19th century, and remained so until World War I, when the McMahon letters, from 1915-1916, promised Arab independence, either by establishing a separate Palestinian state or by the merger of the Palestinian territory into neighboring Arab nations, if the Arabs revolted against the Ottoman Empire. This

That in their short lives they might have witnessed one of the most historical moments in the history of this country and the world. That it was less than 200 years ago that blacks were being brought over on a slave ship to be servants.

The hopes and dreams of all black people were given no limits for the future. I told my three girls that because of last night they could become the first female black president.

I don't know if they fully

grasped or comprehended what I was saying, but I saw the joy and smiles on their faces as I talked to them about it and explained that in years to come they could follow the example of Barack Obama by doing good in school now and going to college and even to law or medical school to become whatever they could dream.

I myself had to sit back and contemplate on the reality of what it now is to be black in America. There are still changes to be made. Do I think racism will disappear?

No, but for the first time, I believe the gap has been connected worldwide between all nationalities because of America's decision.

Black history is not just in February anymore. The history books have to be rewritten to say that the first black president has a story and that all that came before him and all that will come after him are not just going to be segregated to one month in a 12-month year. That his story will be told across the nations and that of all ethnicities will learn about the change in America.



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

In 1948, Israel declared independence, which was followed by several wars between neighboring Arab nation and Israel over the believed injustice to the Palestinian people. Egypt, the backbone in the Arab front, signs a peace treaty in 1979 with Israel, and this is when the Arab movement loses most of its power, and allows for some relief of confrontation, although obviously not completely.

Due to European meddling in Middle Eastern, most notably during the time period in and around World War I, both sides of this conflict have been severely injured, the Palestinians as well as the Israelis. Regardless of which "side"

people feel more compelled to follow, I think it is safe to say that both have been hurt, directly and indirectly.

Following the setbacks in peace after the 1979 peace agreement, several paths have been taken to procure peace within this area,

successful and unsuccessful. Two major ones include the recognition of Israel as a legitimate state by the PLO, and the recognition of the PLO as a legitimate authority by Israel, as well as the defensive wall in the West Bank in response to the suicide attacks carried out by radical Palestinians.

However, most recently, after the Annapolis talks sponsored by President Bush in 2007, is the Israeli government's step toward peace -- the halting of funding to 100 unauthorized settlements in the West Bank. Although this does not entirely alleviate the pressure on the two-state vision, and does not deal with the internationally condemned separation wall in the West Bank, it does take a small step, but a step nonetheless, toward the second area concerning peace in this region -- the settlements.

I feel that after the United States sees a new president take office, and after the February elections in Israel, we will see an increased effort toward the process of peace. But we must keep in mind that the path to peace is slow, and requires a great deal of time, energy and resources from all sides of the spectrum.

CAMPUS TALK

What's your take on the presidential election results?



"I was very satisfied with the results last night. (Obama's) speech was promising, but I am still hesitant because everyone says promising things."

Timothy Skayton
Journalism



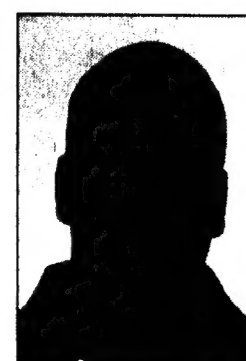
"I was thrilled and was celebrating last night. (Obama's) speech gave me goosebumps."

Shaun Day
Deciding



"I didn't know much about it, but I felt like other people just jumped on the bandwagon."

Rachel Nisi
Pre Professional Zoology



"I think that people were more about making history than about the politics."

E.J. Hopkins
Sociology



"I watched the results and didn't care. I didn't vote because I am registered back home. If I were to vote it would have been for McCain."

Thomas Meyer
Physical Education

PUBLIC SAFETY

Oct. 7
Recovered property, bicycle, 200 block of N. Main

Oct. 9
Hannah C. Vanroekel, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, possession of another drivers license, illegal turn, 400 block of N. Main

Oct. 11
Bradley K. Porter, 24, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 1600 block of S. Main

Peter J. Trujillo, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, failure to comply, 500 block of W. Fourth

Oct. 12
David D. James, 23, King City, Mo., resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, failure to comply, 300 block of N. Market

Oct. 14
Frankie A. Rodrigues, 20, Farrell L. Horton, 26, St. Joseph, Mo., contempt of court, 400 block of N. Market

Samaysia R. McKinzy, 17, St. Joseph, Mo., contempt of court, 400 block of N. Market

Oct. 15
Kenton C. Summa, 46, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right

half of roadway, U.S. Highway 136 East

Christopher J. Baughman, 18, Maryville, Chance D. Nowling, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, permitting a peace disturbance, 200 block of N. Main

Matthew A. Pelaar, 19, Maryville, Krista A. Seelbach, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 200 block of N. Main

Kristin A. Evans, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 400 block of N. Buchanan

Joshua K. Lundy, 21, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 200 block of N. Main

Rachel A. Nelson, 30, Guilford, Mo., wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 400 block of N. Laura

Robert E. Wallace, Jr., 28, Maryville, wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

Oct. 16
Anthony K. Peeler, 28, Kansas City, Mo., driving while intoxicated, driving without a valid drivers license, speeding, 400 block of E. Seventh

Matthew W. Hull, 19, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to obey posted sign, driving without a valid drivers license, 600 block of N. Fillmore

Falisha D. Haynes, 19, Lee's Summit, Mo., minor in possession,

equipment violation, 300 block of E. Fifth

Michael D. Clark, 21, Lee's Summit, Mo., open container in a motor vehicle, 300 block of E. Fifth

Oct. 17
Alicia R. Ferguson, 21, St. Joseph, Mo., driving while intoxicated, equipment violation, 100 block N. Vine

Michael R. L. Mabion, 24, St. Joseph, Mo., driving while intoxicated, driving while revoked, equipment violation, 600 block of W. Fourth

Phillip D.G. Chea, 20, St. Joseph, Mo., minor in possession, failure to comply, U.S. Highway 71 South

Recovered property, bicycle, 500 block of N. Davis

Casey R. Tyler, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Britton E. Tolbert, 20, Kansas City, Mo., driving without a valid driver's license, equipment violation, 300 block of N. Market

Amanda L. Mullen, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, false information to a public safety officer, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 300 block of W. First

Oct. 18
Nicholas R. Wright, 18,

Maryville, minor in possession, resisting arrest, failure to comply, 700 block of N. Walnut

Tyler J. Andachter, 19, Sugar Creek, Mo., minor in possession, 1000 block of N. Walnut

Drew M. Simons, 21, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Erik D. Hergins, 19, Maryville, driving without a valid driver's license, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 200 block of W. Fifth

Jordanne J. Batten, 18, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 200 block of S. Fillmore

Chase M. Bryan, 19, Glenwood, Iowa, minor in possession, 200 block of S. Fillmore

Gregory W. Polley, 18, Ridge-way, Mo., minor in possession, 600 block of N. Buchanan

Jennifer L. Hunt, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 700 block of N. Walnut

Ashley M. Conner, -19, Maryville, minor in possession, 700 block of N. Walnut

Shaw C. Hornick, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of W. Fourth

Michael L. Deshon, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of W. Fourth

Oct. 19
Curtis A. Wheeler, 21, Tarkio, Mo., failure to comply, resisting arrest, 200 block of W. Fifth

Jacob T. Swisegood, 19, Maryville, assault on a public safety officer, 600 block of N. Walnut

Kyle C. Nixdorf, 20, Maryville, assault on a public safety officer, failure to comply, 600 block of N. Walnut

Benjamin G. Westcott, 21, Columbia, Mo., resisting arrest, indecent exposure, 300 block of W. Fourth

Assault, ongoing investigation, 300 block of W. 12th

Fredrick E. Bromley, 41, St. Joseph, Mo., wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

Lisa A. Ruehler, 41, Barnard, Mo., sale of alcohol to a minor, 1200 block of S. Main

Carri A. Harris, 21, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 700 block of E. Third

Oct. 22
Burglary, ongoing investigation, 2100 block of S. Main

Oct. 24
Eric K. Carlin, 19, Omaha, Neb., minor in possession, possession of a fictitious license, failure to display lighted headlights, 700 block of S. Main

REACTION:

Obama, McCain speeches seen as each's best

Continued from A1
She joked about the third graders in Wasilla, Alaska aiding in her concession speech and speaking to the crowd without the "liberal mainstream media, to real Americans."

After Obama was announced as the president, Sen. John McCain live concession speech aired, the cheering stopped and all attention turned to the big screen once again.

"We fought, and although we fell short, the failure was mine, not yours," he said.

After McCain said his final words, applause could be heard from the audience.

Richard Fulton, history, humanities, philosophy and political science professor thought McCain's concession speech was one of his better speeches and felt McCain did a good job of backing the new president to solve the nation's problems, he said.

Fulton watched Obama's acceptance speech and predicts the president-elect tried to convey the time factor to make the changes he promised.

"He's trying to dampen down the expectations of the large numbers of people who are really enthusiastic about his presidency, and that's going to be important for him," Fulton said.

(Lindsay Jacobs contributed to this report.)

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Meyers meets Maryville

By Rachel Fair
Missourian Reporter

While most were out at Carson's watching election coverage, about 440 others were at the Performing Arts Center, laughing off their anxiety from the near-ending elections.

Seth Meyers, one of Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update" anchors, helped break the tension by cracking jokes about the elections, college, and some of his own life experiences.

Among Tuesday night's laughs, Meyers spoke highly of both political parties; joking about the Obama text messaging services at 3 a.m., as well as what it was like to work alongside Sarah Palin a few weeks ago on *SNL*. Palin's next job should be to single-handedly go after Bin Laden, Meyers said. He also gave some behind-the-scenes from *SNL*, by reading inappropriate jokes that weren't allowed to be aired on *Weekend Update*.

Other jokes Meyers told were just as hilarious, such as Booty-Ebay, when you buy things online late at night, then wake up the next day wondering what you did, which resulted in him breaking out into a song he called "My Dad bought a firetruck on Ebay," after asking the audience some of the crazy things they have ever purchased on Ebay. Tiffany Fry, an elementary education major, said she enjoyed how


interactive he was with the audience. Meyers played with the audience by handing out his "variety of drinks" he requested during his time at Northwest. Usually when a talent asks for a "variety of drinks" they receive Coke, Diet Coke and water, but not Northwest. Instead he was given a Capri Sun, Dr. Thunder, Propel Fitness Water in Kiwi Strawberry, "...tastes like someone placed a kiwi and a strawberry into a bathtub full of water, waited a couple of days, then ladled it into this bottle." Said Meyers, Mountain Lightning, and last but not least, Mountain Dew, "the champagne of Mountain drinks."

Meyers spoke until 9 p.m. Tuesday, then stayed after to sign autographs and take pictures for some of the students. Assistant Director of Campus Activities, Candace Wolf said he was there for about another hour.

Melissa Morkus, Student Activities Council Entertainment Chair, explained that even though they lost a lot of the audience due to it being election night, they were still amazed by the "good turnout." Freshman Joe Barbosa, a social science education major, found nothing wrong with the comedian performing on the same night as the elections. "I thought it was a nice distraction from the circus we call politics," said Barbosa. "Stars of [Meyers'] caliber is sweet in Maryville."

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE" writer and weekend update anchor Seth Meyers performs to a crowd of 440 Tuesday night at the Performing Arts Center. With the presidency on the line and many glued to election coverage, some chose the alternative source of entertainment attending a performance sponsored by Student Activities Council.

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NW FOOTBALL

Lions stand in way of out-right MIAA championship

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

This Saturday, the Bearcat football seniors have a chance to do something unprecedented in Northwest's football history — go three years without a conference loss.

Standing in their way is a Missouri Southern team that's fallen on hard times. "They lost a few good players last

year that were seniors," head coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "They've had some injuries, which I think is probably the most significant thing, some injuries on their offensive line. And at this point, their quarterback hasn't played as well as he had in the past. I think that's kind of hurt them."

The Lions, a team that showed improvement last year, next to last in the MIAA with a 2-6 conference record and eighth in points per game with 21.7. Last week, Missouri

Southern suffered its third loss in a row to Truman 38-7.

But Northwest won't take pity on the Lions. They're set on coming away with an out-right conference title and a chance at a first round bye, senior long snapper Cody Lanus said.

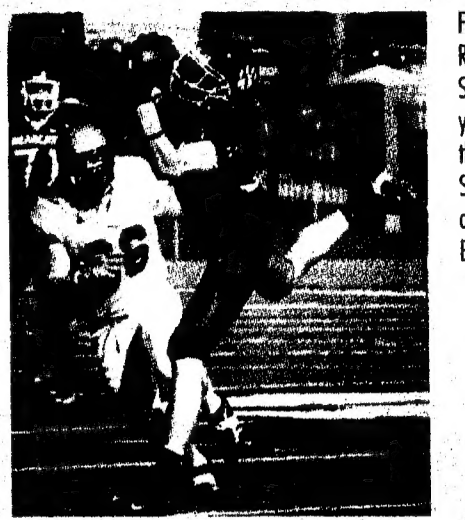
Lanus, a four-year starter for the 'Cats, expects his team to come out ready to play, focusing on keeping the momentum they've built so far this season.

"As far as Southern goes, we need to just go out and treat every practice like it's our first and last practice," Lanus said. "Missouri Southern can't beat us; Northwest can beat us this week."

Echoing Lanus' confidence, senior kicker Tommy Prevett said the 'Cats are focusing on their game instead of what Missouri Southern might do.

The Lions may have a special insight

See LIONS on B2



FRESHMAN RECEIVER JAKE Soy hauls in a 21 yard pass during the first quarter of Saturday's blow-out victory over Emporia.

photo by Jeff Cook
Chief Photographer

NW CROSS COUNTRY

Regional give team chance at redemption

By Jason Lawrence
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest cross country team is looking to make a comeback following a pair of eighth place finishes at the MIAA Championships.

"We need to make the race happen," graduate assistant Matt Pohren said, "not hope for the race to happen."

The "race" Pohren referred to is the NCAA South Central Regional meet.

Assistant Coach Tessa Koschel said she was looking for mental improvements this weekend in San Antonio.

"The physical aspects are there," Koschel said. "They've worked their butts off for the whole season. They've just got to put their minds to it and do it."

Having a week off between meets has also been beneficial and should allow the team to be in top form, junior All-MIAA performer Trevor Johannsen said.

"It helps us to get rested and everything," Johannsen said. "At the end of the season, we're not running as hard for workouts, so our legs are fresh and we're just ready to go."

Koschel and Johannsen expect the weather to work in their favor on Saturday. Not going from cold to hot should be beneficial and it's supposed to be 78 degrees in San Antonio, Koschel said.

The top seven runners from both teams are expected to compete in regionals and Johannsen hopes the team can beat conference teams that they didn't at the conference meet.

"We're really focused now; we were really disappointed with the eighth place finish," Johannsen said. "We're definitely coming back with a vengeance. Everybody's going to be really focused for this last race."

Koschel thought it was actually good for the team to finish eighth at Conference. They really needed a race like that to motivate them and spur them into action, she said. She has high expectations for both teams at the upcoming meet.

"I expect our seniors to step up and run how they need to run. I expect our Top 5 runners to run the way we know and they know they can," Koschel said. "I expect our women to be fearless and, well both teams really, know that have put in the work and know how good they are and unleash it. Just let it go."

The team has done great things this season and is just starting to reach its potential, Koschel said.

The Bearcats will need to show that potential this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to see runners move on to the NCAA Championships Nov. 22.

PROFILE



220

Total points scored by Mattson and Farmer

61.3%

Percentage of points from Mattson and Farmer

359

Total points scored by the Spoofhounds

Mattson and Farmer

Total all purpose 3,185
Total offense 2,663

'Hounds

Total all purpose 4,798
Total offense 3,978

READY TO RUN

Duo puts up big numbers using combination of speed and power

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Throughout history, dynamic duos have propelled themselves and those around them to greatness. Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen led the Bulls to six NBA titles in the '90s. Joe Montana and Bill Walsh created a dynasty in San Francisco and where would Guns-n-Roses have been without Axl Rose and Slash?

The Maryville Spoofhounds now have their own terrific tandem. Senior running backs John Farmer and Adam Mattson, along with 18 other seniors, torched defenses on their way to leading Maryville to its first district title since 2004.

As of press time Wednesday, Farmer and Mattson had accounted for more than two-thirds of Maryville's total yardage output. They accumulated 3,185 all-purpose yards this season.

They also accounted for nearly two-thirds of Maryville's points by scoring 220 of the team's 359 cumulative points.

The tandem has scored in about every possible way. Farmer averages 13.7 yards per carry this season with 12 touchdowns. He has also turned three receptions into touchdowns, returned a punt for a touchdown and ran a kickoff back 90 yards for a score to jump-start the 'Hounds when they were down 14-0 to Chillicothe.

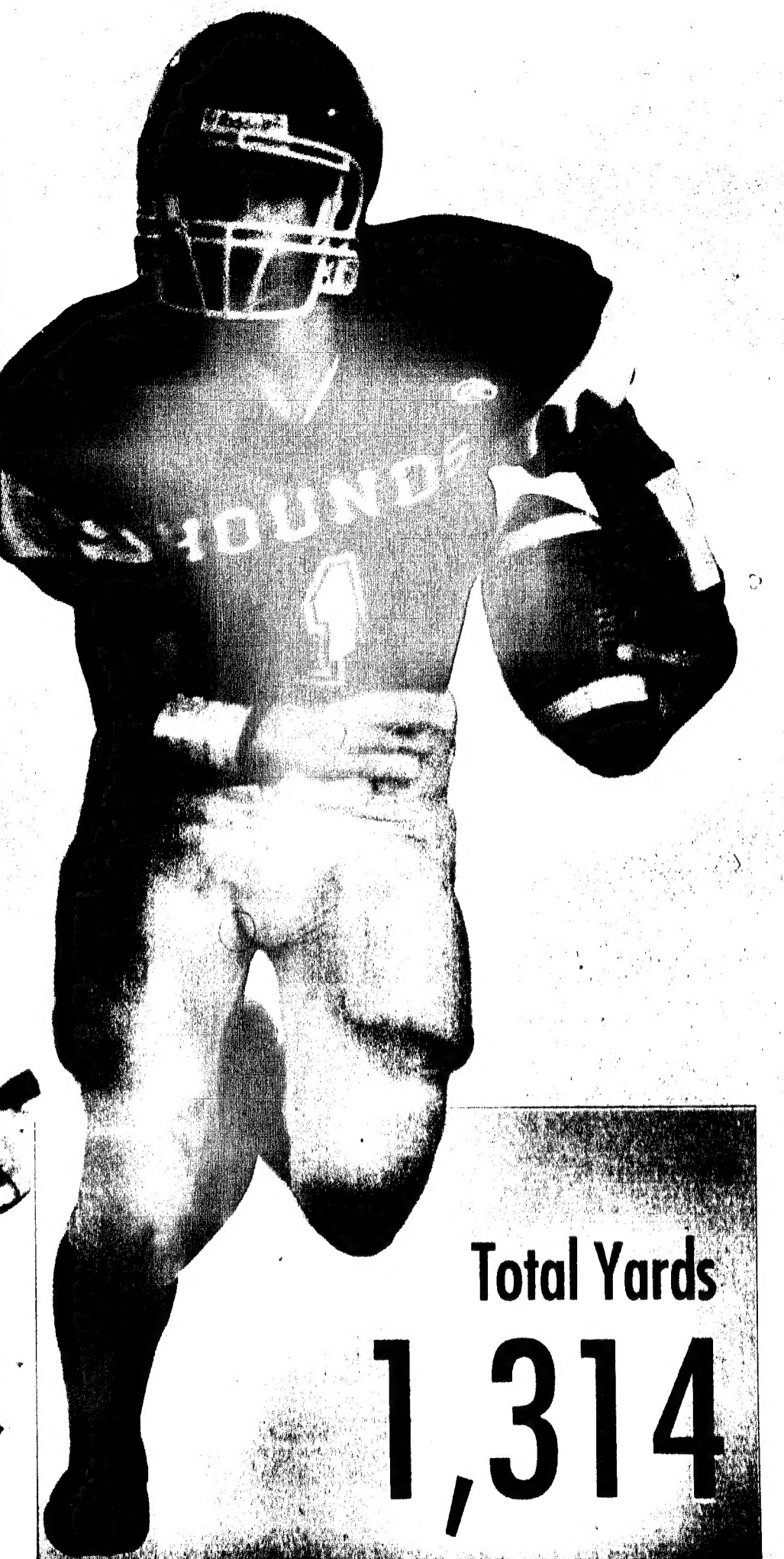
Mattson on the other hand, averages 8.7 yards per carry with 13 rushing touchdowns, 23 extra points, a 25-yard field goal and has thrown for a touchdown. Don't expect Farmer to start throwing touchdowns passes anytime soon though.

"We have a play, but we haven't ran it yet," Farmer said. "I'm not really the passing type."

Mattson also broke the Maryville career rushing record with 2,418 yards at the end of the regular season.

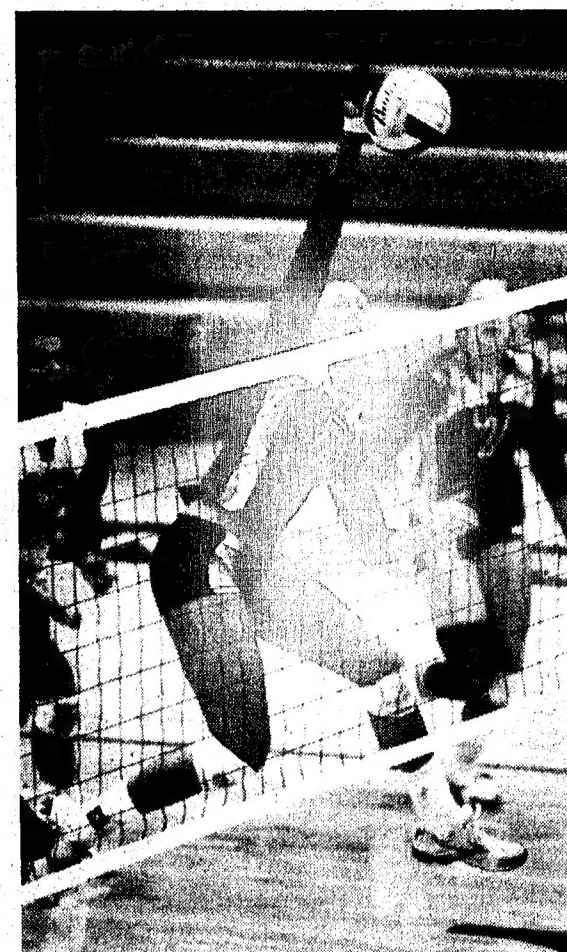
Mattson entered the season as the clear No. 1 running back for the 'Hounds after rushing for a single-season school record 1,257 yards and earning All-State honors in 2007. He has also earned All-MEC recognition every year since his freshman year.

See DUO on B3



Total Yards
1,314

VOLLEYBALL



SOPHOMORE MIDDLE HITTER Amber Ryan gets a kill in the third set of Saturday's match. Ryan had 23 kills in Saturday's win over Southwest Baptist.

Senior sent off with win

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

All hope looked lost at sending the Northwest volleyball team's one senior home with a win on senior night.

Northwest dropped the first two sets of the match to Southwest Baptist and entered the third set needing a win to keep the match alive. The 'Cats not only won the third set but avoided a loss by winning the fourth and fifth set as well.

"We felt good, especially with it being senior night," head coach Anna Tool said. "You know, you want to win for yourself, but it's also nice to win for that senior. It felt good to be on the winning side of a five game match."

Senior Amy Bohnker didn't just get a win on her senior night; she played well across the board bringing in six kills, four assists, a pair of aces, 17 digs and four blocks. Bohnker also tallied a season-high 10 points in Saturday's match-up.

"It meant a lot," Bohnker said. "It was fun to go out and play and have all the girls playing behind me."

I can't do it by myself. I went out and did what I needed to do and everyone else played behind me."

Bohner wasn't the only 'Cat who brought in season high stats on Saturday night. Sophomore Katie Swenson added a season-high 58 assists. Along with her assists, Swenson brought in 12 digs, helping her reach her 11th double-double of the season and 26th of her career.

"I really just felt like I was clicking with all the hitters towards the end there," Swenson said. Although Swenson is the team leader in assists, the match against Southwest Baptist marked the first time she saw playing time since Oct. 21, five matches ago.

Swenson was joined by her high school teammate, junior Rachel Nisi, who sat the bench for three consecutive matches.

"They had been out, because they got beat out," Tool said. "It really wasn't a matter of they did something wrong. It was just that some other people were performing some elements of the game stronger and better and the only reason they were on

the floor Saturday night was because those people opened the door back up for them."

Tool said with the high level of play Swenson put forth Saturday night that "she will have the nod tomorrow (Wednesday), but it's a matter of can she sustain some consistency."

The 'Cats hosted Nebraska-Omaha Wednesday night. The results of the match were unavailable at press time. The Mavericks already beat Northwest once this season in three straight sets.

After the home match against Nebraska-Omaha, the 'Cats travel to Warrensburg, Mo. for their match up against No. 14 Central Missouri Friday night.

Tool said she expects to see a level of scrappiness from Central Missouri that makes them tough to beat. She thinks for the 'Cats, who are 0-8 against ranked opponents, to pull off an upset, it is going to take "persistence and relentlessness."

"We're all going to have to come to play," Swenson said. "It can't just be five out of six people on the court ready to play. It's got to be everyone

BEARCATS

SCORE BY QUARTER

(4-6)	0	0	0	7	—	7
(9-1)	21	21	0	14	—	56

TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Emporia
562	Total yards 184
76	Total plays 64
302	Rushing yards 76
49	Rushing attempts 28
1-1	Fumbles-lost 3-2
260	Passing yards 108
27	Passing attempts 36
2-8	Sacks-yards 1-4
20-27-0	Comp.-Att.-Int. 19-36-1
2-108	Punts-yards 8-323
7-4	Off. yards per play 2.9
30	First Downs 12
5-45	Penalties-yards 5-49
2-29	Int.-yards 1-35
7 of 12	Third downs 6 of 17
2 of 3	Fourth Downs 1 of 2

SOCCER

Team setting records during final games

By Dustin Sander
Assistant Sports Editor

Northwest soccer fell to Missouri Southern in double overtime on Saturday in Joplin.

The Bearcats led the game 1-0 until the 88th minute of play. The 'Cats committed a penalty in the keeper's box to give Southern a penalty kick which tied the game and sent it into overtime.

"When you're up 1-0 and there's two minutes left to go, it's kind of a sweet spot and then a panic mode," coach Tracy Hoza said. "We defended hard and got a tough call in the pen-

alty box."

The 'Cats and the Lions battled through the first overtime with no goals scored, forcing a second overtime. In the second overtime, the Lions scored to end the game 2-1 in sudden death.

"They scored off of a free kick and it hit the player and went in, it was a crappy goal," junior forward Andrea Tritz said.

Hoza said the game had a disappointing result, but the game was not disappointing at all.

"Their effort was tremendous, they played great soccer," Hoza said. "They attacked well and we

out-shot the other team. The soccer was great."

This season has been a record breaking season for Northwest soccer. The 'Cats have the possibility to finish the season over 500 for the first time in school history.

Individually, Tritz tied the record for goals scored by an individual Saturday by scoring her eighth goal of the season.

"It's nice to see that we're accomplishing something," Tritz said. "We keep breaking records on the team."

The 'Cats take on Central Missouri at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bearcat Pitch.

LIONS: Bye week a possibility

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into what the 'Cats hope to do Saturday since their head coach is former Northwest offensive coordinator Bart Tatum.

"He's a great recruiter, a very knowledgeable football coach," Tjeerdsmas said. "He's very competitive. I'm sure that's killing him this year. It's hard to lose. So, he's going to have them ready to play and do everything they can to win that football game."

That means Tjeerdsmas isn't treating this week like a sure thing.

He's preparing his team for a tough contest with the hopes that a win can produce a first-round bye, which Tjeerdsmas said could help his team.

"It helps your injury situation, gives you a chance to heal up a little bit," Tjeerdsmas said. "I think it's good from a psychological standpoint. We've gone for 11 weeks in a row, really 14 weeks in a row since fall camp started, with something looming right there every week. It's kind of nice to be able to put that aside for a week and relax a little bit."

Some of the injuries Northwest has worked through lately include a knee injury to All-American left tackle Reid Kirby, a shoulder injury to safety Aldwin Foster-Rettig and an achilles tendon injury to defensive tackle Shayne Shade. Kirby and Foster-Rettig are expected to play this weekend while Shade remains a question mark.

The 'Cats played well last week despite their injuries, and Tjeerdsmas wants to see his team continue the success they showed against Emporia. The 'Cats jumped on the Hornets early, taking a 42-0 lead in the first half and pulling their starters before halftime.

"We need to go there and build on what we've done," Tjeerdsmas said. "We felt like we really had a very good game Saturday, played very well on both sides of the ball as well as special team. We want to continue that. That's really important for us as we advance into the playoffs."

Northwest gets the chance to build on its success so far and cap off a third undefeated conference season in a row at 2 p.m. Saturday in Joplin, Mo.

SPOOFHOUNDS

SOCCER

No. 1 seed topples team in districts

By Taylor Flora
Missourian Reporter

After losing 12 seniors from last year's team, the young Spoofhound boys' soccer team fell short of a district title losing to No. 1 seed St. Pius.

Coming into the season with such a young team with very little varsity experience, Collins and his coaching staff didn't know what to expect for the 2008 season. The team finished 15-9 on the season.

"Our season turned out a lot better than we originally expected," Dexter Barmann said. "We have a lot to build on and be a successful team for many years to come."

In the first round of district play, the team faced a very familiar LeBlond team, which they had beaten twice already this season. LeBlond played well defensively and had 30 saves from their keeper, but Dan Steiner was able to find the back of the net with a header in the 20th minute, and the 'Hounds won 1-0.

Next, the 'Hounds faced St. Pius in the quarterfinals. The 'Hounds

played well in the first half Collins said, but were down 2-0 going into the locker room. Starting Goalie Christian Falcone played the first half but re-injured his knee, still managing 20 saves. In the second half, the boys had trouble with miss communication and ran out of gas, Collins said and lost 7-1. The 'Hound goal was scored by Calvin Talmadge and assisted by Jon Rogers in the 52nd min.

"The boy's played hard and extremely well," Collins said. "We're really proud of them, and they left it all out on the field."

Over the off-season, the team will need to work on team chemistry, personal play and passing, Ryan Vandivert said. The team will address these issues during summer camps. With such a young team Collins and his returning players are looking forward to the upside of next season.

"We are very excited for next year's team," Collins said. "We have a lot of players that contributed this year and a lot of experience coming back next year."



CHRIS HOLTMAN HELPED the young Spoofhound soccer team reach heights that surprised coach Stuart Collins. The 'Hounds fell to No. 1 seed St. Pius during district play, but hope the experience gained this season will pay dividends next year.

DUO: Mattson, Farmer make most of senior season

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Head coach Chris Holt expected Farmer to contribute as the No. 2 back in the 'Hounds' wing-based offense. He couldn't foresee the duoterrorizing opponents they way they have.

"We thought (Farmer) was going to produce for us, but I don't know that we anticipated quite as much as he has," Holt said.

The emergence of Farmer as a threat has made life easier for Mattson this season.

Mattson is quick to acknowledge the attributes of his partner and also mention a third senior running back that generally doesn't receive as much attention as Mattson and Farmer.

"It's nice having another running

back, that way defenses can't just key on one guy," Mattson said. "I mean we've got (Wyatt) Maudlin back there too so you never know where the ball is going to be."

Farmer and Mattson seem to bring a different element to the offense, and pose a different sort of threat for defenses to worry about.

"Matty's a tough runner, and Farmer's just got the raw speed," senior safety John Schreck. "It's a good combination to have them both on the field for us."

As different as their running styles are, both backs prefer to lead by example and let their teammates do most of the talking while getting the team fired up before games.

"Those two are not the vocal leaders on the team," Holt said. "Our vocal leaders are Jazzy (Joe Jasinski), (Zach) Sherry and (Spencer) Twaddle. Farmer and Mattson are both the quiet type of kids."

Mattson and Farmer contributed beyond just the offensive side of the ball.

When senior defensive back Derek Johns injured his leg in the pre-season jamboree, Farmer filled the void in the secondary until Johns returned eight weeks later. Mattson has also routinely made plays on defense.

With the offense struggling to produce points against South Harrison, Mattson returned a blocked punt for a touchdown to break a 0-0 tie. Later in that same game, Mattson leveled Bulldog quarterback

T.J. Heitz to force a bad pass that was intercepted by junior nose tackle Jason Davis and set-up another Spoofhound touchdown.

Defensively, Mattson has 19.5 tackles with three for losses, and Farmer has totaled 11.5 tackles and broken up six passes.

Losing the explosiveness of Farmer, Mattson and the 18 other seniors on this year's roster is going to be a challenge for the coaching staff at the season's end.

"It's going to be tough," Holt said. "It's going to be like that scene off 'Friday Night Lights' at the end where they're pulling the names off the board and putting new ones up. But that's just part of coaching."

VOLLEYBALL

Girls fall short in district play, end 21-win season

By Jesse Murphy
Missourian Reporter

Despite a winning season, Maryville volleyball fell one game short of a district championship.

After a successful regular season, the Spoofhounds advanced to the district tournament and ended up in second place. Bishop LeBlond took first.

Though the season is over, coach Lori Klaus feels gratified and excited for next year.

"When we went to districts, the girls had heart," Klaus said. "I know that they always come out to play."

There were only three seniors on this year's team, Samantha McGinness, Randi Tobin and Kayla Carmichael.

Klaus said they will be missed, but she can take comfort in the fact that she had 11 juniors this year that will hopefully return.

The experience among the team has continued to build throughout the season, Klaus said.

"At first we had a little trouble serving," Klaus said. "But as the year went on, we worked on it and by the end, missed serves were rare."

The 'Hounds finished 21-9. The ladies won their only home tournament and defeated



JUNIOR MIDDLE BLOCKER Jordan Stiens aided the 'Hounds to a 21-win season. The 'Hounds finished up last Thursday.

Benton in an away game on the Cardinals' Senior Night.

Individual awards were handed out to some of the girls. Junior Leah Bostwick and McGinness were both on the first-team all-conference. Tobin and junior Libbey Howell were given honorable mention.

For all-district, Bostwick, McGinness and junior Jordan Stiens were placed on the first team. McGinness and Howell also made all-region team.

Klaus and her team can look back on a successful season. With an experienced team ready for next year, Klaus plans to spend the off-season running scrimmages and making sure the girls continue playing together and building as a team.

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NORTHWEST ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kendall Wright

Wright had four receptions for 57 yards and a touchdown during Senior Day against Emporia. He also registered the first rushing touchdown of his career on a 13-yard reverse. The 'Cats handled the Hornets 56-7.

Joel Osborn

Osborn shined during his one half of play Saturday. In only two quarters, he went 10 of 16 for 152 yards and two touchdowns. Osborn was able to give way to backup Blake Bolles after the 'Cats took a 42-0 lead.

Andrea Tritz

Tritz tied the Northwest record for goals scored in one season at eight at Saturday's game against Missouri Southern. Tritz also recently sent the record for the fastest goal scored in Northwest history less than two minutes into the game.

Amy Bohnker

As the only Bearcat volleyball player, Bohnker shined on Senior Night, collecting six digs, four assists, 17 digs and four blocks against Southwest Baptist. The 'Cats came from behind to beat Baptist 3-2.

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Ben Mendenhall checks Obama's poll results through live stream on-line.



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Stephanie Bluth makes a fresh batch of margaritas to help keep the festivities going Tuesday night.

Party-goers Stephanie Bluth, Andrea Richardson, Chantel Olson, and Brittiany Turner watch as Ben Mendenhall colors Michigan blue after Obama won the state

The status of a nation

In reaction to the election results, the 'status update' box on Facebook became overloaded with messages showing support and disappointment for the newly elected president. Here are some statuses that caught the Missourian's eye.

"... hopes Ann Nixon Cooper voted for McCain."

"... i bet there is alot of maryvillians that arent so mary now lol."

"... WTF America"

"...is It's just one Hussein after another..."

"... thinks oprah should've won."

"...Wow, What a way to make HISTORY! Now NOTHING can hold you back from your DREAM. Decision 08- Dream come true."

"... hopes he never hears about Joe the Plumber again."

"... quit acting like it's d-day people. GO OBAMA!"

"... is glad alot of his ignorant friends are going to Canada :)"

"... is heading to KC to apply for welfare... then going on an extended "vacation" to Ontario."

"... believes she has every right to complain since she actually voted...If you didn't exercise your freedom to vote you shouldn't exercise your freedom to complain."

"...Call yo MOMMA its time fo OBAMA."

"...is more concerned with a democrat controlled congress than president Hussein. oops i mean president Obama."

"...is disgusted by some of the things ppl are saying, if u want to leave the country bc obama is president... then leave...n watch how fast youll come running back."

Student voters cheer for the presidential race

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

There's nothing like toasting to politics. For one group of Northwest students, Tuesday night was the perfect opportunity to get together and throw back a few drinks as they watched the results come in from the presidential race.

For this group, it was all about Obama. To help celebrate every time Obama won a state, the group made a game out of it.

"We're going to drink everytime Obama wins a state, or the touch map on CNN focuses on Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Ohio, because that's where we are all from," senior Ben Mendenhall said.

"And everytime McCain or Palin is mentioned," senior Stephanie Bluth added. "Or

when they mention 'maverick' talk."

With close eyes on CNN and the Internet, the group kept a map on the wall, coloring each state red or blue when a candidate was projected to win.

"We'll go ahead and give Wyoming to McCain, obviously," Mendenhall explained as he colored the state red.

"And Utah," Bluth added.

"I never liked the color red anyway," senior Chantel Olson chimed in.

After coloring the northern states their respected color, the controversy of the tight race in Missouri added much excitement.

"Missouri is tied 49 percent to 49 percent right now," Mendenhall shouted. "Obama is actually winning, holy s---!"

"If he loses Missouri, I'm gonna stick it to everyone I went to high school with," senior

Andrea Richardson said.

With the projections of each state on CNN, came what the group deemed, the "C-3PO" hologram of celebrities, such as musician Will.I.Am, and news anchors from around the country.

"It's crazy," Mendenhall said in regards to the holograms. "He's from a different location, it's like they zip 'em there."

"Look at the C-3 dude," Olson said, excitedly. "Isn't it creepy?"

"Drink to that," Richardson added.

As the night went on, the votes rolled in and the margaritas got a little stronger. As larger states, such as Texas and Florida closed their polls, the map became bluer, and the laughter and anticipation became greater.

"I like this," Richardson said of the game. "Obama's getting me drunk."